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Note:

The proposed amendment to the specification and to claim 10 raises new issues that would require further consideration and/or search with respect to replacement of SEQ ID NO 4 with SEQ ID NO 5 , including issues of new matter.

Response to Arguments

Applicant's arguments have been fully considered but they are not deemed to be persuasive.

Applicant's statements regarding a "typographical error" as the basis for changing the specification and claims are noted. However, it is not readily apparent that the recitation in the context of the specification is clearly an error as asserted or an indication as to how this error occurred. Moreover, at the time of signing the oath or declaration, applicant averred having reviewed the specification for errors.

The objection to cancelled claim 4 made in the final rejection is in error. The error is regretted.

The recitation of the use of "a processed product" of recombinant cells encompasses the use a product made by culturing a recombinant cell, i.e., a product by process. It is the examiner's position that the use of this processed product in the claimed process of producing an alcohol does not distinguish over the use of processed products produced by other cells as provided for in the disclosure of Lloyd *et al.*, for example.

Therefore the rejection is deemed proper and it is adhered to.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Irene Marx whose telephone number is (571) 272-0919. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F (6:30-3:00).

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Michael G. Wityshyn can be reached on 571-272-0926. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300 .

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